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**Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District Opens Free-Use Firewood Area**

Beginning this spring, the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest will be opening an area where firewood can be gathered for free. Located in the Daugherty Gulch area west of Challis, Idaho road access to the area is over narrow, rough roads and use of a 4-wheel drive vehicle may be necessary.

This area is a portion of a larger fuels reduction project to thin overly dense forest of trees to lessen the risk for a wildfire in the Challis municipal watershed. A limit of four cords per household can be removed by hand from trees that are on the ground.

Though the firewood is free for the taking, the gatherer is still required to obtain a Free-use permit. The permit, map and additional information are available at the Challis-Yankee Fork District Office during business hours, 7:45 am to 4:30 pm, weekdays.